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## In the Claims:

1-12. (Cancelled).

13. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

selecting a quadrant from a plurality of quadrants, in which the selected quadrant comprises a portion of a customizable display and the selected quadrant comprises a benchmark instrument;

retrieving a plurality of non-benchmark instruments, in which each nonbenchmark instrument shares at least one variable in common with the benchmark instrument, and in which the benchmark instrument comprises a first type of instrument and one of the plurality of non-benchmark instruments comprises a second type of instrument;

retrieving market data for the benchmark instrument and the plurality of non-benchmark instruments; and

generating the customizable display in accordance to a layout, in which the customizable display comprises the selected quadrant and a plurality of other quadrants, and in which the selected quadrant comprises the retrieved market data for the benchmark instrument and the plurality of non-benchmark instruments.

- 14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, in which the layout is selected from a plurality of layouts.
- 15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, in which the layout comprises at least one of:

1x6;

2x3;

3x2; and

6x1.

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16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13 further comprising: receiving a request to replace the layout of the customizable display with a second layout.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13 further comprising: receiving a request to replace the benchmark instrument with a second benchmark instrument, in which the benchmark instrument is associated with the selected quadrant; selecting a second quadrant, in which the second quadrant comprises the second benchmark instrument;

removing the selected quadrant from a position in the layout; and updating the customizable display to include the second quadrant, in which the second quadrant is located in the position that was formerly occupied by the selected quadrant.

- 18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13 further comprising: receiving a request to exchange a position of a first quadrant in the layout with the position of a second quadrant in the layout.
- 19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 further comprising:

  determining that the request to exchange is a permissible option; and

  updating the customizable display, in which the layout of the updated customizable
  display comprises the first quadrant being located in the position that was formerly
  occupied by the second quadrant and the second quadrant being located in the position of
  that was formerly occupied by the first quadrant.
- 20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13 further comprising: receiving a request to add a third benchmark instrument to the customizable display;

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selecting a third quadrant, in which the third quadrant comprises the third benchmark instrument;

replacing the layout that was previously used by the customizable display with a second layout, in which the second layout decreases a size of each quadrant from the previous layout in order to accommodate the size of the third quadrant; and

generating the customizable display in accordance to the second layout, in which the customizable display comprises the third quadrant.

- 21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, in which the size of each quadrant comprises a minimum requirement.
- 22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, in which the customizable display comprises a maximum quantity of quadrants.
- 23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, in which at least one of the first type of instrument and the second type of instrument comprises at least one of: a bond, a futures <u>contract</u>, a stock, a debt <u>instrument</u>, an equity, and another type of instrument.
- 24. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

a processor; and

a memory, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 13.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 24, in which the layout comprises at least one of:

1x6;

2x3;

3x2; and

6x1.

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26. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 24, in which the processor further

performs the method of claim 16.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 24, in which the processor further

performs the method of claim 18.

28. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 27, in which the processor further

performs the method of claim 19.

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 24, in which the processor further

performs the method of claim 20.

30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 24, in which at least one of the first

type of instrument and the second type of instrument comprises at least one of: a bond, a

futures, a stock, a debt, an equity, and another type of instrument.

31. (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture comprising:

a storage medium, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when

executed by a processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 13.

32. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 31, in which the layout

comprises at least one of:

1x6;

2x3;

3x2; and

6x1.

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33. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 31, in which the processor further performs the method of claim 16.

- 34. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 31, in which the processor further performs the method of claim 18.
- 35. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 34, in which the processor further performs the method of claim 19.
- 36. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 31, in which the processor further performs the method of claim 20.
- 37. (Currently Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 31, in which at least one of the first type of instrument and the second type of instrument comprises at least one of: a bond, a futures <u>contract</u>, a stock, a debt <u>instrument</u>, an equity, and another type of instrument.